

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 4144 : PATENT APPLICATION  
Examiner Benjamin H. Elliott :  
In re application of :  
RALF NEUHAUS ET AL. : METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING A  
COMMUNICATION CONNECTION IN A  
Serial No. 10/573,676 : DIRECT COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
Filed March 24, 2006 :  
Confirmation No. 5465 :

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

August 31, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The undersigned spoke to Examiner Benjamin Elliott on June 18, 2009. Amended claim 33 was discussed in the interview. The Examiner made suggestions regarding 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues and how to make the claim more clear. Agreement was reached as to the clarity of the claims and withdrawal of § 112 issues via an Examiner's Amendment as set forth in

the Notice of Allowance dated June 26, 2009. The Examiner's Amendment is not believed to have changed the scope of the claims, but did make the claims more clear.

Applicants thank Examiner Elliott for his time in discussing the application and his work in expeditiously examining this application after the issuance of the first office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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